

presence of the testator and at his request. Whereupon it is ordered that the said will be recorded as the true last will and testament of the said William E Gay deceased - Laura Ann Gay the only Executor named in the said will being dead, on the motion of Littleton A Gay who made oath as the law directs and entered into a bond in the penalty of three thousand dollars conditioned according to law, with Josiah P. Gay, Carl. C. Vaughan, Wm. H. Daugherty and Warren Edwards his securities (who justified on oath as to their sufficiency and which said bond being acknowledged by the obligors therein is ordered to be recorded) Certificate is granted the said Littleton A Gay for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of the said William E Gay deceased (which said estate is declared to be of the value of fifteen hundred dollars) with his said will annexed in due form - a Stamp of the U.S. internal revenue to the amount of one dollar being affixed hereto as also one of the same amount to the bond aforesaid

Test

L.R. Edwards lb

I William S. English in the name of God Amen - being of sound mind and in reasonable health, do make this my last will & testament, to wit.

First. It is my desire that my friend J. M. Arnold will be my executor, and after my death will proceed to sell to the highest bidder all of my property both personal and real and collect all of my dues and after paying all of my just debts, it is my will that all the balance of the money be equally divided between my nephew Wm. H. Coker son of John S. Coker & sister Sarah his wife and Mary S. English my niece daughter of my brother Murdock & Virginia his wife to be applied to their education - Given under my hand and seal this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 1864.

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William<sup>his</sup> S. English  
mark

Bennet S. Briggs

John B. Barrett.

Edward L. Briggs.

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 1865.

This last will and testament of William S. English deceased, was this day fully proved by the oaths of Bennet S. Briggs and John B. Barrett two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and was thereupon ordered to be recorded, and Isaac M. Arnold the Executor named in the said will in open Court refused to take upon himself the burthen of the execution thereof. Whereupon on the motion of Joseph Gardner who made oath as the law directs and entered into a bond in the penalty of five hundred dollars conditioned according to law with Richard M. Stephenson, Shugars Cain & Wm. W. Branch his securities therein (who justified on oath as to their sufficiency and which said bond being acknowledged by the obligors therein is ordered to be recorded) Certificate is granted the said Joseph Gardner for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of the said William S. English dec. (which estate is declared to be of the value of three hundred dollars) with his said will annexed in due form - a Stamp of the U.S.